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TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, EAIR, WB, GE
SUBJECT: NEUWS DEUTSCHLAND COMPLAINS ABOUT AIR NOISE
FROM TEGEL AIRPORT FLIGHTS

1. MAY 6 NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ARTICLE ENTITLED "DEMAND FOR
ENDING OF THE AIR NOISE NUISNACE" COMPLAINS OF NOISE FROM
TAKEOFFS AND LANDINGS AT WEST BERLIN'S TEGEL AIRPORT,
SAYING THAT CITIZENS OF EAST BERLIN'S NORTHERN DISTRICTS
AS WELL AS FACTORIES AND INSTITUTIONS THERE ARE AFFECTED,
ABOVE ALL HOSPITALS, KINDERGARTENS, AND RECREATION HALLS.
ACCORDING TO ND, GDR OFFICIALS HAVE SEVERAL TIMES DEMANDED
FROM WEST BERLIN SENAT THAT COMPETENT OFFICES IN WEST
BERLIN SEE TO IT THAT AIR NOISE NUISANCE CEASES, AND ADDS
THAT THESE GDR EFFORTS ARE BEING CONTINUED IN ORDER TO
ELIMINATE THE DISTURBANCE RESULTING FROM THE AIR NOISE
NUISANCE.

2. GDR OFFICIAL MITDANK HAS RAISED AIR NOISE ISSUE
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SEVERAL TIMES WITH SENAT REPRESENTATIVE KUNZE, MOST
RECENTLY ON FEBRUARY 1, 1977, (REPORTED IN NEUES
DEUTSCHLAND) USING SIMILAR TERMS, AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR
TO GDR ABRASIMOV HAS COMPLAINED TO AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND
AT LEAST ONCE. RESPONSE HAS BEEN TO REFER TO NUMEROUS
STEPS ALREADY TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE AIRNOISE IN BERLIN.

3. COMMENT: NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ARTICLE DOES NOT MENTION THAT ALLIED FLIGHTS LANDING OR TAKING OFF FROM TEGEL OFTEN FLY OVER EAST BERLIN BEFORE TURNING WEST, DEPENDING ON WEATHER, SAFETY, AND OTHER CONDITIONS. THERE HAS BEEN NO SUGGESTION THAT THE GDR INTENDS TO ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS OR CONTROLS ON ALLIED FLIGHTS OVER EAST BERLIN, ALTHOUGH, OF COURSE, GDR COMPLAINTS LAY BASIS FOR JUST SUCH ATTEMPT ON "ENVIRONMENTAL GROUNDS" SHOULD GDR CHOOSE TO GO THAT ROUTE. IT IS ALSO CONCEIVABLE THAT THE GDR WANTS MONETARY COMPENSATION FROM SENAT FOR OVERFLIGHTS, AKIN PERHAPS TO "NOISE FEES" ADDED BY SOME OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS TO REGULAR LANDING CHARGES, OR PAYMENTS FOR SOUND-PROTECTION CONSTRUCTION MEASURES SIMILAR TO THOSE REQUIRED BY LAW IN WEST BERLIN.

4. WEST BERLIN NEWSPAPER ABEND ON MAY 7 COUNTERED GDR CHARGES OF EXCESSIVE AIR NOISE FROM TEGEL OPERATIONS BY POINTING OUT THAT THE ALLIES, NOT SENAT, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AIR MATTERS AND RECOUNTING THE MEASURES TAKEN TO REDUCE DISTURBANCE TO NEARBY RESIDENTS. TEGEL, ACCORDING TO ABEND, IS AS "ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY" AS IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE IT. GEORGE

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